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June 30, 1886

My Dear Wife

I yesterday had
a long visit with Mr Corbett.
It was my pleasant [illegible]
to meet him + find so much in-
trest in the College and readiness
to help. I was prepared to
find him cool and indifferent.

He did not tell me but
from one there I learned That
he is soon to be married to a
Miss Ruggler of Worchester a
young lady of about 20. Mr
Miles who sails tomorrow for [?]
was a member of Dr. [illegible]
Church which she attends. She
is not a professing Christian.

This I [illegible] to learn. The M.
says she is a serious person.

Mr. Ruggles is a wealthy man
which waiting to see Mr. G. I entered_
into a conversation with a lady
waiting also – a cousin of Mrs. G.
She said that Mrs. G. died [us]
beautifully as she lived—resigned
happy – could be tempted
to complain. Feeling That God
had been so exceedingly kind to
her always that she had [illegible]
afraid that she has not afflicted
enough and meeting death as his dis-
pensation. Just before her last
decline is when she saw this – she
must die. She said she would
not have left Oregon if she had
supposed that she was not to return.

She would have been glad
to have been buried there. She
had identified herself with Oregon.
and felt that her memory would be
More [illegible] there than anywhere
Else. I shall always cherish
the memory of Mrs. Corbett.

I wish we were going tomorrow
as Mr. Miles is. Dr. Baldwin
advises me to get \$ 30,000 + return
again in a few years and got
the balance of the \$50,000 as
times are too unfavorable now.
But unless there is a crash, Which
I do not expect. I shall stay till
I get the full amt now as it
is. It is easier to be away
from you [Thurs] Than to go back to A
struggle against difficulties [illegible]
to inadequate means. [and] Then
how to return to this work again
bye and bye. I wish to finish it
now. So courage.

I wish your Father
would go to Oregon. Now is the
Time if ever to sell here and buy
There.

The Presbyterian Church
in Portland wants a pastor. And
Mr. G is looking for our + I am
going to help him. I am greatly
interested [illegible].
I am pleased with Mr. Miles. I think
it is settled that Joseph will go.
What do you [say? I am going there
Love to all Sidney.